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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: US 200-MILE ZONE LEGISLATION

EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO MINISTER MACEACHEN.

"DEAR ALLAN: DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN OTTAWA LAST OCTOBER, I UNDERTOOK TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION ON 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE LEGISLATION IN THE US. THE CONGRESS HAS RECENTLY PASSED THE FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH A 200-MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1977.

"AS YOU KNOW, THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED ANY SUCH UNILATERAL US ACTION WHILE THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING. WE HOPE THAT THE DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE CONTAINED IN THE US LEGISLATION ALLOWS TIME FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BILL, AND ARE HOPEFUL
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CONSIDERATIONS, THE PRESIDENT MAY NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO SIGN THIS LEGISLATION UNTIL THE DEADLINE APPROACHES NEXT WEEK.

"OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE US LEGISLATION AND WILL CONTINUE THESE CONSULTATIONS IN THE DAYS AHEAD. I KNOW THAT YOU AND I SHARE AN APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. CANADIAN INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 200-MILE ZONE ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING ME INFORMED OF YOUR PLANS IN THIS REGARD. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER." KISSINGER

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